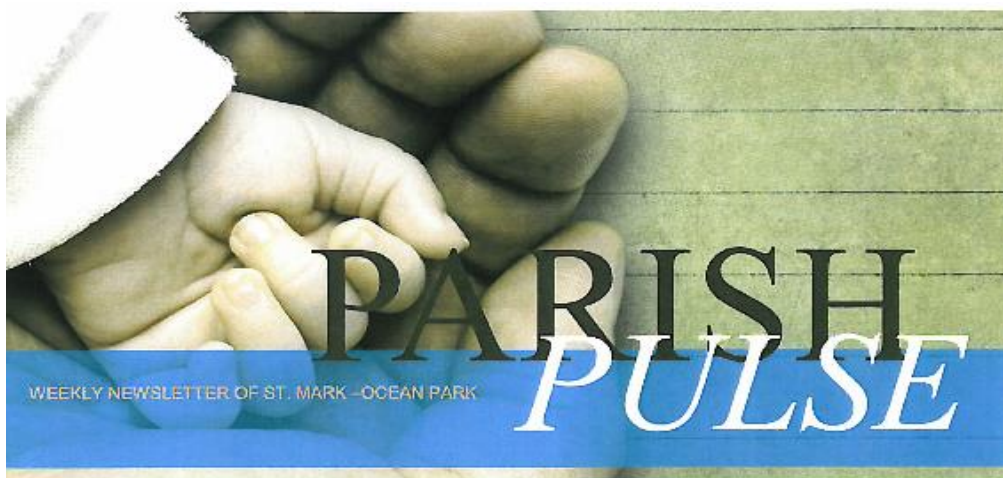


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NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – DECEMBER 1, 2013

BOOK STUDY

**“BECOMING A BLESSED CHURCH: Forming a
Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence and Power”**

Reverend Denise is offering a 7-week book study beginning in the first week of Advent as a follow-up to our recent conference on God's Abundance. A Blessed Church, author Graham Standish says, “is a glimpse of what a church can be. It is a vision, a glimpse of a healthy church uniquely grounded in a relationship with God that allows blessings to flow through it.” Together we will let Standish guide us into thoughtful discussion and action. We could meet mid-week in the afternoon or Sunday afternoons. Please let Rev. Denise know your preference, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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**OH! OH! Have YOU been
Faithful?.....**



**ST MARK – OCEAN PARK FINANCIAL STATUS at OCTOBER 31, 2013
OPERATING ACCOUNT**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	34,173.20	304,895.79	346,676.67	(41,780.88)
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,783.09	325,372.40	346,676.67	(21,304.27)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,609.89)	\$ (20,476.61)	--	\$ (20,476.61)

ST. MARK'S YOUTH

YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY!

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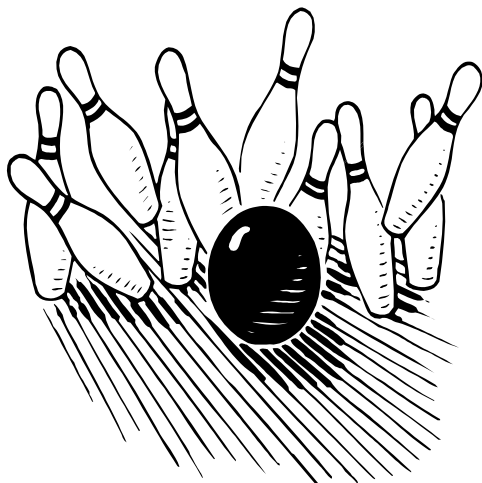
Saturday, December 7, 6pm – 9 pm

All youth are invited to join us for a fun night of bowling, food, games and a gift exchange! Contact Josh for details are youth@stmarkbc.org.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING MONDAY DEC. 2

We will set up the "Journey of Christmas" outdoor display & decorate the Hall on Mon. Dec. 2, from 10am – 4pm. Come & decorate for the Christmas season. Pre-schoolers are welcome to help parents or grandparents decorate a tree. Friends & family are also welcome. If you wish to decorate Christmas trees please come after 11am on Monday. A hot lunch will be served to all helpers at around 12:30pm. Come & help bring the true Christmas spirit to our community. Call Brian Walks with any questions you may have: 604-538-3568.



2014 DONATION ENVELOPES

Please pick up your set of envelopes in the Narthex. The **weekly** donation boxes are in alphabetical order in trays. The **monthly** donation boxes are in labelled foolscap envelopes in alphabetical order in a separate tray. Should you not find your donation envelopes, or if you want a set of 2014 donation envelopes, please contact either Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at: 604-535-9599 Or the Church Office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

FOCUS ON:

1ST Sunday in Advent
and
Stir Up Sunday.

We are busy making decorations for our Church Christmas Tree.

Next Sunday

we will have a Pageant rehearsal after the 10am Service.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

December 8, 2013

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19
Romans 4:13
Matthew 3:1-12

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by Richard and Phyllis Moreau to the Glory of God and in memory of sister Angie Abbott.

LUNCH BASKET MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING FUND DONOR PLEDGE CHART

The 2014 Chart is now posted on the west wall in the Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations help young single Moms with children under 18. Thanks to all who have donated this past year. Call Darlene Wiegand if you have any questions/concerns: **604-536-7107.**

SENIORS UPDATE

Last Wednesday get-together of 2013 is 1pm on Wed. Dec. 4 in the Family Room for games, Library for conversation group, tea and goodies to follow!

Bus Trip to H.R. MacMillan Planetarium, followed by Lunch. Bus leaves from Church at 9:30am. Tues. Dec. 3, Cost = \$40, plus lunch

Christmas Lights Bus Trip – Bus leaves church at 6pm, Tues. Dec. 17, Cost = \$25, includes bus & donations to various light displays – Tim Horton stop is extra at the end of the evening!

Concert –VSO Christmas concert 4pm on Thurs. Dec. 19; please check your tickets

Please call Sue (604-531-4931)
or Janet (604-531-9585)

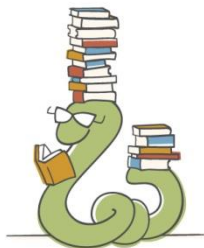
THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

St. Mark's has previously been honoured by Nancy Dexter, Stan Hodgson, Hilda Smith, John Reader and Rea Anderson as recipients of the Order, and it is now time to consider nominees for the coming year.

Any lay member of the Parish may be nominated, but typically, nominees will have served in a Parish or number of Parishes or the Diocese in an outstanding manner on committees, parish councils, special outreach, etc. for a minimum and continuous period of ten years, although not confined to one activity or in one parish.

Written nominations, together with the supporting justification, may be submitted by any member in good standing to the Rev. Craig Tanksley, Rector, no later than **Sunday December 15, 2013**, preferably by email to: tanksley@smartt.com.

Please note that nominations submitted in previous years are no longer valid, and if you wish an individual to be considered, he or she must be nominated again.



LIBRARY NEWS

Ted Dekker fans ... **SAINT** has just arrived in the Library. Carl knows a few things about himself. He knows his name is Carl, his wife is Kelly and he loves her more than life itself. He also knows that if she told him to kill you he would. Saint is not who you think he is.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The new schedule is posted on the notice board in the Hall. Please check to see when you are listed and if it doesn't suit, phone Olive:

604-535-2228

Christmas Baking – we request that you bake for the Christmas activities at Church:

- Christmas Lunch – Tues. Dec. 12, please bake dainty cakes or squares
- Children's Pageant – Sun. Dec. 15, please bake cookies
- Sunday, Dec. 22 – please bake minced pies or shortbread

THANK YOU for all your help.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Rae Anderson's parents, Charles and Millie Drager, and Ken Anderson's parents, George and Gertie Anderson.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today by Irene Snow to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Bill.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The flower calendar is up & ready for you to sign up. Please sign up soon so that your date isn't taken. We have spaces for 2 people on each Sunday.



PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

Maggie Ferguson
(604) 538-6160
maggieferguson@telus.net



PWRDF in the PHILIPPINES

Until Monday, December 9, 2013, all donations received for typhoon relief from Canadians by registered charities, including PWRDF, will be matched dollar for dollar, by the Canadian government. The government will use the matching funds to provide assistance through international and Canadian humanitarian organizations.

If you want to support PWRDF's response to this ongoing emergency in the wake of the recent typhoon, please use the pew envelope for a cash donation, or a cheque (payable to PWRDF, Typhoon Haiyan Relief).

Thank you.

Long time PWRDF partner, Cebu Bohol Relief & Rehabilitation Centre (CRRC), reports that 90% of the 60,000 residents from the 16 communities in 6 municipalities with whom CRRC has been working for years, are affected by the recent Typhoon Haiyan disaster.

PWRDF's other long time partners, Farmers' Development Centre, and Southern Partners Fair Trade Centre along with CRRC, mobilized resources from in-country donations and reached out to the affected families with food, water, clothing and medicines. These partners have identified 525 of the most vulnerable families in the remote areas of Bantayan Island whom they will provide with rice, dried fish, sardines, cooking oil, puritabs and plastic sheets for temporary shelter utilizing PWRDF's grant.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec. 2

9am - Exercise Class – H
10am – Journey Set Up
Day

Tuesday, Dec. 3

1pm – Prayer Shawls - FR

Wednesday, Dec. 4

9am - Exercise Class – H
10am - Service – S
7:30 - Choir Practice – S

Friday, Dec. 6

9am - Exercise Class -EdC
10:30am - Bible Study - YR

Saturday, Dec. 7,

Christmas Men's Club
Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 8

White Gift Sunday

Thursday, Dec. 12

11:30am - Seniors'
Christmas Lunch

Sunday, Dec 15

10am – Children's Pageant
6pm – Journey of
Christmas Opens

Tues. Dec. 24

5pm – Childrens' Service
7pm – Service
11pm –Service

Sunday, Dec. 25

10am – Service

Friday, Dec. 27

9pm Journey of Christmas
ends for 2013

Sunday, Dec. 29

8am and 10am Services

Wednesday, Jan. 1

There will be no 10am
Service

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014

11am – Annual Vestry
Meeting